

Comcast hasn't even gotten approval or disapproval for its TWC merger as of yet and is acting very badly forcing Netflix after Verizon's expected but unfortunate win against the FCC in court over Net Neutrality to pay Comcast to not slow down the firm's web streaming service. Comcast has been in the crosshairs of Net Neutrality advocates before by blocking BitTorrent in 2008 and later exempting their own XFINITY TV streaming service over Microsoft's XBox from the company's data caps resulting in a long complaint from Netflix CEO Reed Hastings. Now they are rumored to be reaching a deal with Apple Inc., in which the Mac, iPad, iPhone and iPod maker will pay Comcast to speed up Apple's forthcoming online movie streaming service for Apple TV and the iTunes Store while others get left behind.

If this deal comes to pass it again means Comcast which is still bound by Net Neutrality rules (as part of its NBC merger until at least 2018 regardless of the court ruling Verizon won) is violating nondiscrimination rules. I'll explain in the next document how Comcast is violating Net Neutrality and what the FCC can do about it.